

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

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Operator: Good morning. My name is (Samuel) and I will be your conference operator today. At this time, I would like to welcome everyone to the Statewide Population Health Conference Call.

All lines have been placed on mute to prevent any background noise. After the speakers' remarks, there will be a question-and-answer session. If you would like to ask a question during this time, simply press star then the number one on your telephone keypad. If you would like to withdraw your questions, press the pound key. Thank you.

Mrs. Aimee Rosenow, you may begin your presentation.

Aimee Rosenow: Thank you very much, (Sam). We're here and it's another month. We have a great line up for you, full of updates. This is Aimee Rosenow at KDHE's Office of Communication.

Let me go through the agenda real quick. We've had some additions since it went out through the e-mail yesterday. So, we'll hear from the Bureau of Health Promotion, our Bureau of Community of Health Systems and Center for Population Health, the Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention's Immunization Program, our Preparedness Program, and then Dr. Moser will join us shortly to give a full KDHE update. We'll follow that with the Communications Office update and then we'll open it up for questions and answers.

Before we get started, I wanted to welcome some people who are here in the room with us today from the HHS Hospital Preparedness Program. We have (Bill) and (Angela). Thank you, for being here today. They're here to conduct a site visit which will go through Thursday. So, we'll hear some more about that coming up in the call.

To kick off the call, we'll go ahead and start with our Bureau of Health Promotion. Ginger Park is here to share an update from that program.

Ginger Park:

Thank you. I just have a few updates. One, the Early Detection Works Program recently hired (Suzanne Duckworth) as a public health nurse, working in the Northeast Region. So, she'll be working out at the Lawrence Office with (Kelly Nightingale). Another Early Detection Works information, reminder, the deadline for submitting all payment requests for services performed prior to June 30th, 2014, was August 15th, and payment requests that are filled out completely will be processed first.

The 2013 BRFSS, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System data, is being analyzed, and 2013 is an extension year so that means they'll be both state and local data available. So, we will post it on the website as soon as the (analysis) is complete. And I also wanted to let you know there are still some spots available to the Diabetes Self-Management and Leaders Training in Hays, and this will be September 4th, 5th, 11th, and 12th. This training gives leaders the curriculum and facilitation skills to implement a six-week community workshop to address the symptoms and stresses of diabetes, appropriate exercise, healthy eating, appropriate use of medication, and working more effectively with health care providers.

So, for this training, one of the leaders – each training needs two leaders and one leader needs to be someone who has diabetes. This training is free, and so if you're interested in being trained as a leader, contact (Ariel Capes) and her e-mail address is acapes@kdheks.gov. That's all I have.

Aimee Rosenow: OK. Thank you so much, Ginger. And now we have an update from our Center for Population Health. (Jane), and (Cristi) are here to share the update with us.

(Jane Shirley): Good morning, everyone. I want to jump in first and let you know that we will be sending out, probably tomorrow, from the usual reminder e-mail for the Population Health Call a link to a survey that we hope you will assist us with completing. We would like some feedback about these calls. We want to know if they are meeting your needs, if the timing works for how we're reaching you in terms of reminders and information, if you are able to access the transcript and the conference call code, things like that. We really need your feedback so that we can continue to provide the very best service that we can through these calls.

Now, I'm going to turn this over to (Cristi Cain), the public health specialist in our local public health program.

(Cristi Cain): Good morning. I just wanted to give you a brief update about the Kansas Public Health Workforce Assessment that you have heard about. We actually just completed it with all KDHE staff and had a 72 percent response rate. So, we were very pleased with that. It will go out next Wednesday or Thursday to all local health department administrators and our hope is that all of the administrators will distribute it to all staff including environmental staff.

The survey will be open for two weeks and the e-mail that will be sent out to you will include a link to the survey. It's very important that we have our workforce complete the survey for accreditation purposes. It's essential for Domain 8, and it's also important for informing the system about workforce development needs. We're definitely planning to take this information and develop training as a result of what gaps are identified and what other needs are identified.

We will also provide reports to all the Local Health Departments that participate in the assessment. There are incentives for participation. Individuals can enter a drawing at the end of the survey that is not linked to their survey to get a \$20 Visa gift card. And then administrators can also win

incentives. The first three small health departments that get 100 percent participation, the administrators will receive a Visa gift card. Also, the first three medium health departments that get 90 participation and the first three large health departments that get 70 percent participation; all those administrators will receive a Visa gift card. So, we hope that you all participate and please let me know if you have any questions. Again, my name is Cristi Cain. My e-mail address is ccain@kdheks.gov.

Aimee Rosenow: Thank you very much, (Cristi). And also joining us today is Pete Bodyk with our Immunization Program. He's here to share an update about that program.

Pete Bodyk: I just wanted to update on the upcoming Immunization Conference, September 16th through the 18th. I hope all of you on the call are coming and the last I saw we have about 200 registered so far which (puts us) about the same as last year at this time, and we ended up close around the 300 mark.

I just want to give a little update on what to expect. There will be a pre-session on a Tuesday evening, that's the 16th, like last year, one on WebIZ and another on the Vaccines for Children Program. That one will be done by the nurses on the program. And I want to talk a little bit about some of the featured speakers, Dr. William Atkinson. I'm sure a lot of you know, he retired from the CDC, and right now, he is the associate director of the Immunization Action Coalition. He is doing two sessions, a keynote and general session. I figured if we can get something like that, we wanted him to talk more than once, so.

Dr. John Eplee, he's currently the president of Kansas Medical Society. He's going to be talking about vaccine hesitancy, kind of connecting vaccine hesitancy to outbreak. Jill Roark, I've recently seen here speak at the CDC on HPV, and that's going to be her topic. And she's one of the best speakers I've seen in a long time, really keeps it engaging, and I think we'll get a lot out of that especially and fortunately since Kansas is one of the, if not the lowest state, in HPV coverage rates.

We have Donna Weaver who's a nurse educator in the CDC. She's a very good speaker. She's going to be talking about vaccine storage and handling,

and administering the vaccines. And kind of our – as always, we try to leave it with, you know, a motivational speaker near the end. And then Andy Marso, he's a reporter of Topeka Capital-Journal and a meningitis survivor. He has written book and it's titled, "Worth the Pain, How Meningitis Nearly Killed Me - Then Changed My Life for the Better." He's a great speaker. We definitely don't want to miss that.

I just want to – just kind of a reminder that if you haven't already registered please, do. It's about a month away and we love to see you there. Thank you.

Aimee Rosenow: Thank you, Pete. And now, we'll have an update from our Preparedness Program.

Jamie Hemler: Thanks, Aimee. Good morning, everybody. As Aimee mentioned earlier in the call, we do have a site visit today that will last through Thursday, and we have our interim federal project officer, Bill Mangieri here from Region 6 out of Texas. And we also have our new project officer for Region 7 out of Kansas City, Angela Krutsinger. So, we welcome them, again. We are glad you're here.

We have a couple of staffing announcements. As many of you know, Emily Farley has resigned her position of the Communication and Collaboration Manager with the Preparedness Program. Her last day in the office will be September 3rd. Emily has accepted a position as a Development Specialist at the Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center in Lawrence. We'll definitely miss Emily. She's been a great coworker and friend, and we wish her well.

And we are currently waiting to receive approval from the governor's office to hire a new Preparedness Program Director. Once we receive a decision, we will release more information for that position.

Health departments and community hospitals all received the SurveyMonkey link from the Preparedness e-mail account last Friday. Please take the time to provide your input regarding AAR/IP tracking, maintenance, and completion. We're exploring future options for an electronic tracking and maintenance system for improvement plans, and we would love to have local input on any

barriers or successes that you've had with your plans, as well as what you would like see in a possible system. As of yesterday afternoon, we've received 93 responses and I've seen a lot of great comments and information. So, thank you for your participation with that survey.

And that's all I have.

Aimee Rosenow: All right. Thank you, Jamie. We're going to go ahead and jump to the Communications Office update. Unfortunately, Dr. Moser is tied up and won't be able to join us for the call today. The first thing that we want to talk about is Preparedness Month. September is Preparedness Month, and we wanted to let you know that (FEMA) has a great toolkit available. The theme for this year is "Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare." And each week during the month, we'll have a theme.

The theme for week one is "How to Reconnect With Your Family After A Disaster". The theme for week two is "How to Plan for Specific Needs." So, that includes some information for (youth), colleges, tribal communities, businesses, elderly, and those with special needs, as well as pets. Week three, the theme is "Building a Kit," and then week four and five the theme is "Practice." You'll see in that toolkit, some social media posts and some templates and then also some PSAs.

For KDHE, for Preparedness Month, we're going to be focusing on our Fred the Preparedness Dog campaign. You're going to begin to see a lot Fred in September, and we're also going to have a Fred PSA. So, you'll begin to see that on your television. We're going to launch a Fred the Preparedness Dog website, an iPhone app, and then you'll begin to see all these things come out through Fred's social media pages. So if you haven't liked him on Facebook or followed him on Twitter, please do so because you'll see some really great updates coming out from Fred.

Fred will also be at the State Fair as with many of our partners (KDEM), (KDOT), FEMA, Red Cross, the State Fire Marshal, and Reno County Health Department and many others, will be there on September 8th, for

Preparedness Day, which is also (Dollar) Day. So, we hope to see a lot of you there. Or if you have any questions about that, let us know.

And now, I'm going to turn it over to Sara Belfry, our communications director for the other updates from our office.

Sara Belfry: I just wanted to brief you all on a few things going on right now. Next month is Falls Prevention Month and we will be putting out a press release on that, putting out some information. There are several toolkits available from several different organizations. And the Kansas Department on Aging and Disability Services will also be doing a lot around Falls Prevention Month next month.

Also, it's West Nile virus season, so keep a lookout for that. We only have one confirmed case as of today in Kansas, but we have seen four chikungunya cases now. So, just be on the lookout for that. You might want to be doing some preventative messaging around dressing in long sleeves and long pants; DEET, making sure people are using bug spray with DEET; and then draining any standing water areas.

Additionally, we have created message map for Ebola and Ebola outbreak. Those are available for you if you would like to look at any of those. We have three different message maps available. One most likely is current situation in Kansas right now that we don't have any people at risk or with the active infection or virus; the second has more messaging around if we were to get anyone who is at risk of contracting the Ebola virus; and the third would be a message map that you could use if we got someone with the active virus infection here in Kansas. So, feel free to e-mail the Communications e-mail address if you would like those. We're happy to share those with you. Thankfully, we haven't needed them yet.

Aimee Rosenow: Along with that, I wanted to let you know, too, some Ebola guidance went out over our Health Alert Network. So, if you haven't seen that guidance, please let us know and also make sure that have signed up to receive (HANs) because that will get you all of this information very quickly and then also CDC has put out quite a few documents that have that guidance as well. The

ones that went out over (HAN) through KDHE are more Kansas specific. So, if you do need those, please let us know. We'll be happy to e-mail those out to you.

And I think that concludes all of our updates from our programs here in the room. We'd like to go ahead and open it up for any questions that you may have.

Operator: At this time, I would like to remind everyone, in order to ask a question, please press star then the number one on your telephone keypad. Star one to ask a question. We will pause for just a moment to compile the Q&A roster. Again, star one to ask a question.

And we have no question at this time.

Aimee Rosenow: OK. Thank you, (Sam). I just want to remind everyone that the transcripts of these calls are available online. We will be sharing that with you shortly. So, if you've heard some updates today that you think (your coworkers) might benefit from, all of that information is available on our Local Public Health webpage.

And just another reminder, our next call will be September 23rd, at 10 am, and we'll send out those reminders ahead of that call. So, again, thank you for joining us today. At any time, if you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail anyone that was here for an update today.

Operator: This concludes today's conference call. You may now (disconnect).

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